

I-5 – South 317th Street HOV Direct Access Project Update

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Construction Update

Crews have placed the first layer of new pavement on southbound I-5 near S. 320th Street. At the I-5 bridge over Military Road, we've drilled shafts and will soon pour columns for the bridge widening. We're widening the bridge so we can extend the I-5 carpool lanes. We've finished pouring concrete for some of the wall panels near the S. 317th bridge supports, and we've set temporary wooden light poles along the southbound exit ramp to S. 320th.

We continue building more retaining walls and installing drainage and electrical systems. To view recent construction photos, please visit http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5_S317th_DirectAccess/photos/jan05.html.

I-5 and Military Road Lane Closures

Tonight through Thursday night (Jan. 25-27), we plan to close three northbound I-5 lanes near S. 320th Street. We'll close the first lane at 6 p.m., a second at 9 p.m., and a third at 11 p.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning. Crews will pave the northbound shoulder to strengthen the pavement. This work is weather-dependent, so rain could postpone these northbound I-5 closures.

Tuesday through Friday (Jan. 25-28) we'll close one lane of Military Road between S. 304th Street and 31st Avenue S. between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Drivers should expect this daily lane closure to continue over the next several weeks (Monday through Friday) as we widen the I-5 bridge over Military Road.

Icon Materials Construction Manager

Icon Materials is the primary contractor that we hired to construct the I-5 – S. 317th Direct Access Project. Icon's construction manager for this job is Bruce Harjehausen. Bruce has 25 years of experience in the construction field. He began his career as a project engineer in Colorado.

Bruce has worked on other major projects in Washington. Several years ago, he worked on a major Bellevue to Renton paving job on I-405 that required completely closing one direction of the freeway over two consecutive weekends. More recently, he has been involved in constructing and rehabilitating terminals for the ports of Seattle and Tacoma. He worked on the \$45 million Pierce County terminal project, the largest expansion project in the Port of Tacoma's history.

Bruce says that traffic is the major difference between the I-5 – S. 317th project and the terminal projects on which he's worked. However, his experience has proven to be very valuable because in the construction field, "it's all the same philosophy." WSDOT and Sound Transit share a philosophy of improving your trips throughout the Puget Sound area with projects like the I-5 – S. 317th Direct Access Project in Federal Way. We're working with people like Bruce to build these projects and bring faster and safer commutes to you.

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